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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers establishes Restoration Advisory Board for former Pinecastle Jeep Range Site**

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District announced today the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the former Pinecastle Jeep Range Site in Orlando, Fla. Twenty-one community members will collaborate with representatives of federal, state and local government agencies on issues relating to the ongoing investigation and remediation of the former Department of Defense bombing demonstration and small arms training site. The site is currently being addressed under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites.

District One City Commissioner Phil Diamond and District Two Orange County School Board Representative Daryl Flynn served as a selection panel to review applications from community members and develop a recommended roster for review by the government agencies and approval by the commander of the Corps' Jacksonville District, Col. Paul L. Grosskruger. All 21 applicants were accepted for membership on the RAB, representing diverse interests of the community.

"It is commendable that 21 members of this community have stepped forward in selfless service, to contribute to the greater good on behalf of their neighbors," said Grosskruger. "I am grateful to Commissioner Diamond and to Ms. Flynn for taking the time out of their hectic schedules to assist us in



the establishment of the Restoration Advisory Board. This RAB will have a significant role in ensuring that community issues and concerns are considered during the decision-making process.”

The members of the Pinecastle Jeep Range Restoration Advisory Board are:

Dr. Harold Banks, Laura Blanda, Ron Cumello, Jerrell Davis, Ken Donahue, John Fauth, Ronald Galli, Jr., Gregory Gaulin, Michael Geden, Aida Gonzalez, Charles Hale, Jr., Renee Hale, Mark Holley, Edgar Lee, Anne Miglioizzi, Michael Rochkind, Carol Schuett, James Shelton, Connie Sommerhalter, Christopher Thompson and Leonides Villalon, M.D. The community members will elect one of their representatives to serve as community co-chair of the RAB. Government representatives include Wandell Carlton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and government co-chair for the RAB; Mary Ann Kraus, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Bruce Hossfield, City of Orlando and Anthony Cotter, Orange County.

The Restoration Advisory Board will have its initial organizational meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Springhill Suites, 5828 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando. On the agenda for this first meeting is the development of a charter and standard operating procedures. All RAB meetings will be announced and open to the public, and will typically include an update of ongoing work on the Pinecastle Jeep Range site, a question and answer period, and an opportunity for information exchange. “The Restoration Advisory Board provides a great opportunity for two-way communication, which is so valuable to our ongoing public involvement efforts,” said Nancy Sticht, public affairs officer.

“We look forward to working side-by-side with members of the community,” said Wandell Carlton, project manager. “The information exchange that takes place in this type of collaboration is vital to the success of our remediation efforts.”



For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range, please visit our web site at [www.saj.usace.army.mil](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil) and click on the Pinecastle Jeep Range link or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576 or 1-800-291-9413.

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